MR. PAYNE'S CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY EXONERATED.

Charges That He "Induced" Employees to Buy Mining Stock Proved to Be Unfounded—The Awarding of a Coal Contract to Machen Bros. Declared All Right by Attorney-General Knox

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- The Postmaster-General this afternoon looked over the papers in the case of George W. Beavers, former chief of the salary and allowance division of the Post Office Department, who recently resigned and whose bureau s now under investigation by the inspector's force, under the direction of Fourth As sistant Postmaster-General Bristow. Mr. Beavers's letter of resignation and the letter of acceptance written by the then acting Postmaster-General Wynne will be made public by Mr. Payne in a short

The case of the alleged improper connection of H. H. Rand, the Postmaster-General's confidential secretary, with a mining company whose stock was sold to employees of the postal service, and Mr. Rand's part in awarding alleged irregular coal contracts was stricken from the list this afternoon, an investigation having shown that the statements made were absolutely without foundation. Mr. Rand's connection with mining companies antedates his entrance into the postal service by a considerable period, and no substantiation can be found for the charges that he used his official as well as his personal influence in inducing employees of the postal service to invest in stock, with the understanding that their promotion and advancement would be accelerated.
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In regard to the charge that Mr. Rand assisted in awarding coal contracts to the firm of Machen Bros., the senior member of which is Supt. Machen of the free delivery division, the records of the Department show that the committee of which Mr. Rand was a member recommended to the Postmaster-General that the bid of Machen Bros., which was considerably lower than that of any other competing firm, be accepted "if the proceeding be entirely regular and be sustained by the opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General of this Department."

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It is also a matter of record that Assistant Attorney-General Christiancy held that there was no irregularity in awarding such a contract, it having been shown that the bids were submitted in a regular manner, and Attorney-General Knox upheld this ruling and the contract was awarded according to the recommendation.

As far as the other investigations under way are concerned, the inquiry has not progressed far enough to warrant any specific statement as to the outcome. It may be stated on high authority, however, that no facts have been brought to light as yet which would warrant criminal action against any officer of the postal service whose conduct in office has been made the subject of investigation.

There has been no question of veracity raised between Supt. Machen and former First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath as to whether Mr. Machen's resignation was called for while Mr. Heath was in office. Mr. Machen said to-day that before the investigation of the charge brought against him that he had accepted \$300 from a woman as compensation for securing her a place in the Government service, Mr. Heath had made an informal request for his resignation. This request was withdrawn when the investigation made failed to substantiate the charge in any degree. n any degree.
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Postmaster-General Payne continues to emphasize his statement that the investigations will be most thorough and searching and will cover every feature of the administrative service of the Department. He desires that when the report of the inquiry is laid before him and he has drawn his conclusions and taken action in accordance with them, there shall be no possibility of a recurrence of the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs.

Henry Robinson, a lawyer, of Concord, N. H., has been strongly recommended for Assistant Attorney-Generalship for the Post Office Department made vacant by the retirement of James H. Tyner, the acceptance of whose resignation will be made public by Postmaster-General Payne in a day or two. Mr. Robinson is indersed by the New Hampshire Senators, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, ex-Senator Chand-

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Senator Lodge and Mr. Chandler called on the Postmaster-General yesterday to urge Mr. Robinson's appointment. Mr. Payne was rather inclined to favor the promotion of George A. C. Christiancy of Michigan, who is assistant attorney under Gen. Tyner, but those who are urging Mr. Robinson's appointment argue that, as a matter of policy and is the interests of peace and harmony, it would be advisable for the Postmaster-General to appoint a man from the outside who can take up the administration of the office unhampered. If Mr. Robinson is appointed it will be for that reason and Mr. Christiancy will be urged to retain his present place as assistant attorney.

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It has been persistently reported, since the investigations into the many alleged scandals in the Post Office Department were instituted that Gen. Tyner's retirement was due to his attitude toward turf investment and race-tipping concerns, which were investigated by the Department and allowed to continue in operation until closed by the police authorities of St. Louis. The correspondence will show, however, that Mr. Tyner's retirement was decided upon long before the turf swindles were taken up, and that his resignation was deemed advisable on account of his great age, his recent serious illness and his increasing infirmities. May I was decided upon as long ago as last November as the date of Gen. Tyner's retirement.

FEAR FOR YOUNG BLAISDELL No Explanation of Disappearance of Curtis & Blaisdell's Cashier.

Charles T. Blaisdell of 141 East Fiftyseventh street, the cashier at Curtis & Blaisdell's coal yard at the foot of East Fifty-ninth street, who was reported missing on Tuesday, did not turn up yesterday. His cousin, Walter F. Blaisdell, of the coal firm, thinks he has met with foul play, and so does Mr. Blaisdell's partner, Grove D. Curtis

so does Mr. Blaisdell's partiel, Curtis.
Mr. Curtis said last evening that Blaisdell, who is 36 years old, and who has been with the firm fourteen years, was always very steady in his habits.
"He never dissipated," said Mr. Curtis.
"He spent a good deal of his money on jewelry, and when he was last seen he had a good deal of it with him. We fear that this may have led to foul play. Mr. Blaisdell's accounts are right to a cent."

B. T. WASHINGTON TO NEGROES. Some 200 of Them Give Him a Dinner at Carnegie Hall.

More than 200 representative colored citizens gave a dinner to Booker T. Washington at Carnegie Hall last night.

Mr. Washington was cheered to the echo

when he got up to speak. Among other things he said: things he said:

I am more concerned about our making continual, tangible, visible progress than I am about adverse criticisms. It is not enough for us to defend our rights—we must go forward in progressive, direct, constructive directions. In almost every section of the south the negro can buy land, can go into any kind of business. In almost every section he can educate his children and build a decent, comfortable home. Success in these directions will gradually bring us recognition and encouragement in wider directions.

Short 150 Shares: Couldn't Square Up. Announcement was made on the Consolidated Exchange yesterday of the failure of George H. North to settle a balance due the exchange clearing house. He was short of the market 150 shares of Missouri Pacific. St. Paul and Reading stock being bought under the rule for his account. He has twenty-hour hours to settle

SHOT DEAD ON THE BOWERY. CORONERS' OFFICE TANGLED. Bartender Kills a Driver—"He Was Tryin" to Butt In." Savs He.

Obed Paddock, a driver of 48 Allen street, was shot dead at 1 o'clock this morning in Joseph Lynch's White House saloon, at 111 Bowery. Joseph Carter, the bartender, was arrested for the shooting. He didn't

"He was tryin' to butt in." said Carter. PICKED UP BILLS ON STREET. Butcher Got \$38 and Didn't Want to Give

It Up-\$103 of \$230 Gone. William T. Wolfe of 17 Erie street, Jersey City, was walking north along Grove street, that city, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a gust of wind picked up a roll of bills lying in the street near the gutter and sent them flying in all directions. A twentydollar gold, certificate whirled pleasantly near Mr. Wolfe's nose and he grabbed it. Then he began to pick up money with both hands and shove it into his pockets.

A dozen or more men went to his assist ance and became so interested in picking up money in the street that they forgot to be polite. They trampled on one another's toes, pushed and shoved, and one or two in their excitement actually tried to take bills from others' fingers.

When no more bills were to be found

the crowd scattered and Wolfe went home to his dinner. He had \$89. He notified Police Headquarters that he had a bunch of money which the owner could have on

proving property.

Meanwhile police headquarters received word that it was raining money up in Grove street and that a crowd of perup in Grove street and that a crowd of persons had been extremely busy. The police were also told that one man had escaped with a big roll. Detectives Larkins and Doyle of headquarters and several cops from the Second precinct were hurried out to make a raid on the money market. When they arrived there wasn't any money in sight, and all persons whom they interviewed denied that they had been picking up wealth.

The police were informed that the man who got the big wad was a butcher named Theodore Pellens at Grove and First streets. Pellens was taken to police headquarters, where he told Chief Murphy that he didn't get any of the cash.

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In the meantime James C. Manahan of Taylor & Manahan, furniture dealers, of 420 and 422 Grove street, reported that he had lost \$230 and a bankbook while on his way to the Third National Bank. Chief Murphy told Pellens that he was positive he had some of Manahan's money. "And if you don't produce," said the Chief, "I'll look you up"

Pellens then admitted that the Chief was right, and offered to go home for it. He returned with \$38 in a paper bag and solemnly declared that it was all there, whereupon the Chief let him go.

Wolfe turned over his find to the Chief, which brought the total of the money recovered up to \$127.

Mr. Manahan will get the \$127 this morn-

MONTAUK'S BOOKKEEPER GONE. Vain Search of His House for Books by

Club Officials and Detective. H. E. Ralston, bookkeeper of the Montauk Club, Brooklyn, has not been at the club since late on Monday night. Some of the officials of the club, with a private detective. went to his home at 432 Prospect place, and ransacked it in a search for the club's books. They didn't find them, according to Henry Bevins, Ralston's eighteen-year-old step-Bevins says that he doesn't know where his stepfather and mother are, and that they haven't been home since Monday night.

The officials of the Montauk Club would The officials of the Montauk Club would make no statement last night about Ralston or the search for the books. An employee of the club said that Ralston left very few books behind. With these, it was said, an examination of the club's affairs was being made. Bevins said:

"Late on Monday night I got a telegram from my stepfather asking me to meet him in East 116th street, Manhattan. When I met my father my mother was with him. He gave me a paper transferring to me all of his property. I am now disposing of the property.

It is richly furnished. Raiston had been bookkeeper for the Montauk Club about four years.

A. B. Higgins, secretary of the Montauk Club, said last night that expert accountants were working on what books Raiston had left. "He was under \$5,000 bonds, but the

GIFT CHAPELS CONSECRATED. Ascension Congregation Permitted to Witness Archiepiscopal Ritual.

Archbishop Farley consecrated the new chapels of the Sacred Heart and the Rosary in the Church of the Ascension in West 107th street yesterday morning, in the presence of a large congregation. This olemn service usually takes place behind closed doors, but at the request of Father closed doors, but at the request of Father McGweeny, the pastor, his congregation was permitted to attend. The Archbishop was assisted in the serivce by the Rev. Father Hayes as master of ceremonies and five attending priests.

Both chapels are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Duffy, that of the Sacred Heart in memory of deceased members of their family, and the Rosary Chapel as a token of gratitude and faith.

GIFTS TO SHERIFF O'BRIEN. Dinner, a Gold Watch and a Rather Local Boom for Mayoralty.

A dinner to Sheriff J. O'Brien was given by the attaches of his office last night at Terrace Garden. They also gave the Sheriff a gold watch, chain and charm. Sheriff a gold watch, chain and charm. At the guests' table were Borough President. Cantor, John C. Sheehan, John De Witt Warner and the Mayor's secretary, James B. Reynolds. Deputy Sheriff John V. Campbell said his boss was the only logical fusion candidate for Mayor. Borough President Cantor said he thought O'Brien would make a good candidate for the Mayoralty. Mr. Reynolds also spoke, but didn't boom any candidates.

PURSE OF GOLD FOR A PRIEST. St. Gabriel's Parishioners Make a Parting

Gift of 8500 to Father Hayes. thousand Catholics of St. Gabriel's parish tendered a farewell reception in St. Gabriel's Hall 'n East Thirty-sixth street last night to Father P. J. Hayes, secretary to Archbishop Farley, and presented him a purse containing \$500 in gold While Mgr. Farley was rector of St. Gabriel's, Father Hayes was his assistant.

Coal-Brick Man Convicted.

Ernest H. Mont, president of the First Ernest H. Mont, president of the First National Coal Briquette Company of 280 Broadway, was convicted yesterday in the Special Sessions before Justices Mayer, Wyatts and McKean of violating Section 363 B of the Penal Code, which prohibits a firm or corporation not legally incorporated from carrying on business under an assumed name or style without filing a certificate with the County Clerk. He was remanded until Friday for sentence. The company was extensively advertised as a \$1,000,000 affair and sold shares at \$10. It was to make coal bricks out-of coals dust. It consisted of Ment.

Barnard Girls Try Greek Entertaining Weary of teas and dances the under-graduates at Barnard College are to have a "Greek festival" this afternoon in the Brinckerhoff Theatre. Among its features will be a recital of a prize ode in the heroic metre, several wrestling matches, an archery contest, a jumping match and a tug-of-war between sophomores and freshmen. Men will not be admitted.

NOBODY APPEARS TO KNOW WHAT KILLED SUMNER CHILDREN.

Both Were Taken III Suddenly and Both Died With Scant Medical Attention in the Homes of Different Grandp ents Within 24 Hours of Each Other.

Two children of Charles Sumner, one 8 years old, the other 3 years old, died within a day of each other last week, one at 789 Halsey street, Brooklyn, and the other at 1012 Fulton street. Their home was at 31 Clinton street. Neither child was sick twenty-four hours altogether and in each case peculiar symptoms were exhibited which made the causes of death doubtful. Both cases were reported to the Coroners' office by the physicians who attended the children, but owing to their occurring at two different places, each was investigated by different Coroners through their deputies and for some reason, which the Coroners ntend to ascertain, no connection between the two cases was established until yesterday, when information was brought to the Coroners' office that the deaths were in the same family.

Coroner Flaherty, in whose district the death of the second child occurred, and who granted a certificate without knowing anything about the death of the first child, when he learned yesterday that they were of one family said he would start an investigation to determine whether it was an oversight on the part of some one attached wilfully concealed, in which case a thorough investigation of the deaths would have to

family was asserted yesterday by the parents of the child and the grandmother of the children, who stated positively that hey had informed Coroners' Physician Hartung, who investigated the second child's death, of the demise of the other child the day before. Dr. W. A. Tomes, who attended the second child, said that e had also reported the death to the Coroners' office.

As it appeared by the records there yes-

erday no attention was ever paid to this, f such a report was made, and Dr. Hartung said he was pretty sure, for his part, that he hadn't been told at all, though he admitted he might be mistaken.

The Sumpers were about to leave 31 Clinton street when Flizabeth complained of pains in her head last Thursday morning. She was taken to the home of her father's mother at 789 Halsey street, where she died that night in convulsions. Dr. Marion, who attended the child, said he thought

that night in convulsions. Dr. Marion, who attended the child, said he thought the cause was water on the brain due to kidney trouble, although he could not be sure. He reported it to the Coroner, and Dr. Wuest investigated and made a report, ascribing death to anæmic poisoning on the statements of the mother. That was the next day.

On Friday, May, the younger of the children, woke up sick and was seized with vomiting. She had been left in the care of Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Sumner's mother, at the Clinton street house. Mrs. Brady says she went to four different doctors with the child in her arms. None of them was in, so she took a car up to her own neighborhood and went to Dr. W. A. Tomes at 500 Classon avenue. Dr. Tomes administered a stimulant but could not tell what was the matter. He was told that the child had eaten some mustard pickles and drunk some milk the day before. He then thought it might be ptomaine poisoning. Dr. Tomes visited the child on Friday evening and found her in convulsions. She died at 10 o'clock that night.

Dr. Hartung, Coroner Flaherty's physician, visited the Clinton street place the next morning and after hearing the statements of Mrs. Sumner and Mrs. Brady decided that the child had died of acute indigestion. The children were buried on Sunday in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

When asked yesterday if she could explain how the Coroners' office had failed to learn of the relationship of the two children, Mrs. Sumner said:

"It has been a great surprise to us, and we can't understand it. We thought an investigation would certainly be made and wanted to learn ourselves what the two children had died of, I told the Coroner's doctor

Bevins was packing up everything in the house and preparing to close it up. It is righty furnished. Raiston had been of the death of Elizabeth the day before, had died of. I fold the Coroner's doctor of the death of Elizabeth the day before, but he did not seem to pay much attention to it. We would gladly have allowed an autopsy if only to find out what was the matter, as we have four children left and we matter, as we have four children left and we

matter, as we have four children left and we want to keep them."

Dr. Hartung said last night that he was sure that if he had been told of the death of the child the day before he would have informed the Coroner, although coincidences of that kind were not infrequent. Both he and Dr. Wuest said that the cases were not at all suspicious. Charles Summer, the father, is staying at his mother's home on Halsey street with some of the children, owing to the home having been broken up at the Clinton street place. Dr. Marion, the family physician, said that they had been his patients for many years and to his mind there was nothing suspicious in the cases.

HANDS OFF THE SUPREME COURT. Says Judge Coxe in a Lecture to Columbia

Judge Alfred C. Coxe of the United States Circuit Court lectured at Columbia University yesterday afternoon on "The Federal Courts." Of the Supreme Court he

said:

Jet it be spared the dangerous surgery of legislation. Any attempt to change the court would be of doubtful value. We should all resist the levelling tendencies of the age. Among these tendencies is one to increase the number of Judges in our courts. Already, I find, there are twice as many Judges in New York State to-day as in the whole of England, which has five times the amount of legislation.

What we need is to simplify the procedure in the courts and to discourage useless litigation. Our Supreme Court disposed of 375 causes during its last session, and it has but nine Judges. More than nine Judges sitting at one time would be an unwieldy tribunal.

Discussing the relative merits of an

Discussing the relative merits of an elective and appointive judiciary, he remarked that it was usually those who had been restrained by the Federal Government from committing lawless acts who led in the periodic call for the election of Federal Judges.

The Weather.

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The severe storm had its centre yesterday just off the coast south of New York, showing somewhat less force on its southern side and a slight increase from New Jersey to Maine, where the wind velocity ranged from 50 to 40 miles an hour from the northeast. Rain continued in all districts east of the Mississippi River, except in the sections south of Tennessee and North Carolina. The rainfall was generally heavy in the Middle Atlantic States. The storm will leave the coast to-day rainfall was generally heavy in the Middle Atlantic States. The storm will leave the coast to-day and fair weather will follow. It was fair west of the Mississippi River yesterday and generally warmer. It was cooler in all the Southern States. Freezing temperatures prevailed in Nebraska and

In this city rain fell throughout the day, with high northeast winds from 25 to 35 miles an hour; average humidity, 91 per cent.; barometer, cor-rected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.47; 3 P. M.,

WARRINGTON PORBOAST FOR TO-DAT AND TO-MORROW
For eastern New York, rain to-day; high north
sinds on the coast; fair and warmer-to-morrow.
For New England, rain to-day; high corth winds

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Dela-

able winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy to-day fair and warmer to morrow; fresh variable winds becoming north.

For New Jersey, partly cloudy to-days, fair to morrow; fresh variable winds becoming morth. morrow: fresh variable winds becoming morth.

For western New York, partly cloudy to days. Warerooms, 136 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

liste Division Also Holds Forfeiture

BULING ON EXCISE, LAW. RABBI GOTTHEIL IS DEAD.

Justice Hirschberg of the Appellate Di-vision in the Second Department has landed down a decision in which he declares that a part of the excise law of the State is clearly Had Served Temple Emanu-El for 30 Years and Was Its Rabbi Emeritus

inconstitutional. The matter came before the Court on an application by the State Commissioner of Excise to have eight certificates revoked because of violations of the statute.

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The section involved provides that where the Commissioner brings a proceeding to have a license revoked, the holder must furnish a verified answer, and that if he does not do so it must be presumed that he is guilty of the illegal act alleged, and his certificate must be revoked. This Justice Hirschberg declares is entirely wrong and a violation of the Constitutional right of litigants. He says in part!

There is no justification in law for the placing of a litigant in a position where his guilt must be assumed and a forfeiture of his property decreed unless he either perjures himself by his answer, if guilty, or in order to avoid that result consents to plead by favor in such a form as will tend at least to indicate his own consciousness of the falsity of his defence.

This decision of Justice Missishers.

This decision of Justice Hirschberg sustains a recent decision of Judge McCall in Part I., New York city, in the Lehr case.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY NOTES. Sobotka-Tompkins Wedding - Theatricals for the Benefit of Charity. WASHINGTON, April 15 .- The Austrian

Ambassador, Baron Hengelmuller, and the full embassy suite attended the wedding, which took place at St. John's Church to night, of Frank J. Sobotka, clerk of the embassy, and Miss Edna H. Tompkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Tompkins of this city. The bride and bridegroom left

Washington for a wedding trip South. Society people formed the cast in the "Am-bassador's Burglar" and "The Sleeping basador's Burglar" and "The Sleeping Car," which were presented in the ballroom at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Boardman to-night. All social events gave way for the theatricals, which were for the benefit of St. John's Orphanage. Baron Gevers, the Netherlands Minister; Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster, Mrs. Wetmore, Mr. Guy Norman and Mr. H. C. Norman of the British Embassy were in the cast of the first play mentioned, while Mrs. W. W. Rockhill, Miss Ethel Horstmann, Col. Parker, Col. Simpson, Mr. Guy Norman, Mr. H. C. Norman and Mr. Hugh Legare were in the cast of "The Sleeping tar." Mr. Risno of the Spanish Legation, Major Charles McCauley, Col. Clarence Edwards and Lieut. Edward McCauley acted as ushers. A number of society girls sold programmes.

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Senator Newlands announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Janet Newlands, to Dr. William Johnston, at the wedding breakfast of his daughter and Mr. Charles H. Johnston, at noon yesterday. The Senator's son-in-law and Dr. Johnston are brothers, sons of the late Dr. Johnston of this city. No date has been set for the wedding.

BONILLA WINS IN HONDURAS. Takes the Capital and Now Controls the

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- The State De partment has received telegraphic advices from United States Consul Moe at Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, that the revolution in that country has been successful. He says that Tegucigalpa capitulated to Bonilla yesterday

Bonilla was elected president of Honduras at the last election. Sierra, the president of the country, declined to surrender the reins of office to Bonilla, and the latter thereupon raised the banner of revolution. Sierra placed his privatel secretary, Arias, in the presidential chair and, assuming command of the army, went out to meet Bonilla, who had established his headquarters at Amapala, the Honduras port on the Pacific side.

Bonilla did not wait for Sierra to reach Amapala but went out to meet him. The Government forces were defeated and Bonilla has had an almost unbroken progress of triumphs since then. It was reported that Sierra's feasons for refusing to permit Bonilla declined to keep an engagement to marry Sierra's daughter. This, however, has never been confirmed from reliable sources. duras at the last election. Sierra, the

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, April 15 .- The cruisers | ference. Machias | have arrived at Villefranche, where they will await the arrival of Rear where they will await the arrival of Rear Admiral Cotton, the new commander of the European force; the gunboat Scorpion at Port Eads, La., and the collier Leonidas at Norfolk. The training ship Hartford has sailed from Pensacola for Havana, the collier Pompey from Shanghai for Cavité, the gunboat Gloucester from Santos. Brazil, for Montevideo, and the gunboat Villalobos from Hankow for Foochow, China. The torrede hoat destroyer Lawrence has been torpedo boat destroyer Lawrence has been placed in commission at the Boston Navy Yard.

Army and Navy Orders.

WARRINGTON, April 15 .- These army orders were issued to-day: Major William W. Wetherspoon, Sixth Infantry, detailed as member of examining board at Part Leavenworth, vice Lieut. Col. Henry Wygant, Leavenworth, vice Lieut. Col. Henry Wygant, Sixth Infantry. First Lieut. Fred H. Gallup, Artillery, to Military First Lieut. Fred H. Gallup, Artillery, to Military Academy, West Point.
Transfers in Artillery Corps—First Lieut. Alphonae Strebler, from Tento Coast to Forty-seventh Coast: First Lieut. Edward N. Meekins from Forty-seventh Coast to 108th Coast.
Capt. David P. Cordray, Seventeenth Infantry, Capt. David P. Cordray, Seventeenth Infantry, o Fort Logan.
The following officers are detailed to represent the Medical Department of the Army at the Intertate National Guard Association at Columbia, lay 4: Capt. Merritte W. Ireland and Capt. Fredrick P. Reynoids.
Capt. George P. Howell, Engineers, to Charleston, C., relieving Capt. James C. Sanford.
First Lieut. Blanton Winship, from office of Judge dvocate General to Chicago.
First Lieut. Joseph W. Gildden, Fourth Infantry, o duty in office of Judge Advocate General of the rmy. General Hospital, Washington Barrecks, to na proper station.

The retirement of Brig. Gen. Jared A. Smith i

The retirement of Brig. Gen. Jared A. Shills announced.
Capit. James C. Sanford, Capit. Hiram M. Chittenden. First Lieut. Edward M. Schulz and First Lieut. Harry Burgess, Corps of Ragineers, to New York city for examination for promotion.
First Lieut. Frank T. Woodbury, Assistant Surgeon, from Plattsburg Barracks to Fort Ethan Allen.
Leaves of absence granted Major Valentine McKally, for five months: Capit. Warren P. Newcomb. Artillery, for fourteen days: Contract Surgeon F. D. Pease, extended one month. Second Lieut.
Jesae C. Langdon, Artillery, extended two months. These naval orders were issued:

Assistant Paymaster C. R. O'Leary, from the dontercy to home.

Assistant Paymaster E. H. Tricou to the Columbia Naval Constructor E. Show, to havy yard, Bosey to home: ant Paymaster E. H. Tricou to the Columbia Constructor E. Show, to navy yard, Bos-duty in Department of Construction and

Reception for Sir Percy Se George A. Hearn of 48 East Sixty-ninth street gave a reception last evening in honor of Sir Percy Sanderson, the British Consul-General, who is soon to return to England.

For forty-six years it has demonstrated its right to the title which its superior tone quality and unparalleled durability have won for it in the musical world.

"THE OLD RELIABLE."

LEADER OF REFORM JUDAISM PASSES AWAY.

When He Died-Born in Germany in 1827—A Noted Scholar in Many Lines. The Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, rabbi emeritus of the Temple Emanu-El, died at 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 681 Madison avenue. Dr. Gottheil was stricken with apoplexy some weeks ago and pneumonia set in several days ago. His death had been expected at any minute for twenty-four hours before it

At the time of his death Dr. Gottheil's two sons and two daughters, Dr. William S. Dr. Richard J. H., Mrs. E. M. Levy and Mrs. J. Rich, were at his home. With them were Dr. Gottheil's two nephews, Paul and Leon Gottheil. The Rev. Dr. Silverman, rabbi of the Temple Emanu-El, arrived at the Gotthell home soon after the death of

his predecessor.

The trustees of the Temple Emanu-El will meet this morning at the Temple and take action on the death of their former rabbi, and by that time, it is thought, arrangements for the funeral will be well under way. It was said last night that the funeral would probably be held from the Temple and that the interment would be at the Salem Fields Cemetery.

Dr. Gottheil always had an antipathy to the use of crape as a sign of mourning In accordance with his wish, none was used at the funeral of his wife, and none of the members of the family will wear any at his funeral. None has been or will be put on the door of the Gottheil house.

Gustav Gottheil was born on May 28 1827, at Pinne, in German Posen. While little more than a boy he went to Berlin to be educated according to the rabbinics code and to prepare himself for the rabbinical office. His studies were completed at the Institute for Hebrew Literature and the University of Berlin.

Among his teachers was Dr. Samuel Holdheim, who at that time was recognized as the leader of Reform Judaism in Germany and as one of the chief exponents of the principles and teachings that received their first impulse from Moses Mendelssohn, the great-grandfather of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.

After acting for some time as assistant rabbi of the Berlin Reform Temple, of which Dr. Holdheim was the head, Dr. Gottheil accepted a call from Manchester, Eng-There he stayed from 1860 to 1873. In the latter year he came to this city to succeed the Rev. J. K. Gutheim as the junior rabbi of the Temple Emanu-El. Dr. Samuel Adler was then the senior rabbi. On his retirement, about fifteen years ago, his place was taken by Dr. Gottheil, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman succeeding as assistant. Three years ago Dr. Gottheil was retired as rabbi emeritus and was in turn succeeded by Dr. Silverman.

Dr. Gottheil's liberal religious ideas did not interfere with his interest in every movenot interfere with his interest in every move-ment that tended to elevate his race and faith. He was always deeply interested in educational questions and especially in the training of young Jews for the rab-binical office. He maintained personally a Hebrew preparatory theological school in this city, and was for many years a di-rector of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati.

incinnati.

He was the originator of the "Sisterhoods He was the originator of the "Sisterhoods for Personal Service," benevolent organizations which require of their members that they give not only money but also personal service. The Emanu-El Sisterhood was the first of these.

Dr. Gottheil was from its very inception closely identified with the Association of Eastern Rabbis, which about thirteen was a was warred into the larger or was warred.

years ago was merged into the larger or-ganization called the Central Conference of American Rabbis. As a member of the latter body, Dr. Gottheil was largely instrumental in the compilation of the Union Prayer Book, published by the con-ference. He himself compiled a hymn book which for many years was in use in ference. He himself compiled a hymn book which for many years was in use in the reform synagogues in this country.

Dr. Gottheil was a profound scholar, although he published but one book, a consolatory work called "Sun and Shield." Dr. Gottheil's linguistic achievements were well known. He was a master of Hebrew, German, French and English, and was familiar with Chaldaic, Aramaic, Arabic, Latin and Greek. His son, Prof. Richard Gottheil, now holds the chair of Semitte languages in Columbia University.

While still a young minister at Berlin Dr. Gottheil married Rosalie Wollman. She died about nine years ago. They had four children, all of whom are alive and residing in this city.

Dr. Silverman, who for twelve years was the colleague of Dr. Gottheil, said recently:

was the colleague of Dr. Gottheil, said recently:

"Dr. Gottheil had for the last thirty years been a prominent figure in American Reform Judaism. With Dr. Gottheil religion was not merely a matter of faith and sentiment, of traditions and ceremonies, but a real moral force. Dr. Gottheil did not confine his activities to Jewish affairs, but stood in close relation to many prominent preachers and laymen of other faiths.

"Dr. Gottheil was par excellence the Jewish pastor, and in this respect he set an example for the modern rabbis, as the rabbi in former times was almost exclusively a teacher and hardly came into contact with the individual members of the congregation. Dr. Gottheil's power and influence were almost unsurpassed.

"Dr. Gottheil had a long and useful career and was active almost to the very end. It had always been his ambition to die at his post, and I have frequently heard."

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him say: To live means to work—when I DISCUSS A PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. cease to work I am ready to die."

The Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes of Shearith Israel, on Central Park West, said of Dr. Gottheil:

Dr. Gottheil:
"Our views on religion were extremely divergent, but that never prevented my recognizing his lovable nature, of which I had many proofs. Somehow he felt especially kind toward me, and in all our twenty-five years of friendship I cannot recall one occasion when his urbanity was ruffied.

"Our religious views differed, for while am a constitutionalist—that is, a Jew who believes in changes by constitutional meth-ods, as indicated in the Bible and other ods, as indicated in the Bible and other sources of religious guidance—he was one of those who approved individual action.

"He undoubtedly ranked among the most scholarly of Reformed Jewish rabbis, whose numbers are being thinned out rapidly."

The Rev. Bernard Drachman, Rabbi of Synagogue Zichron Ephraim, on East Sixty-seventh street, said: "To me and to all who knew Dr. Gottheil his death is a cause of sincere sorrow. He was a man highly and

who knew Dr. Gottheil his death is a cause of sincere sorrow. He was a man highly respected for his benevolent activity and kindly disposition. He belonged to the Reformed wing of Judaism, but his Jewish sympathies were warm, as is shown by the fact that he was an ardent Zionist!

"Dr. Gottheil will be long remembered particularly for his very useful work in making Judaism more intelligible to gentile circles. He had a wide acquaintance with clergymen of Christian creeds and did very much to bring about a mutual understanding."

Oblinary Notes.

The War Department has been notified that Major Clermont L. Best of the Artillery Corps died on Tuesday at Fort Monroe Corps died on Tuesday at Fort Monroe, Va. He was the son of the late Col. C. L. Best of the Fourth Artiflery. He was born in New York on March 29, 1849, was graduated from the Military Academy in 1860 and assigned Second Lieutenant in the First Artiflery in that year, and became a Major in July, 1901. He served with his battery in the Santiago campaign and was recommended for a brevet Majorship for gallantry before Santiago on July 2, 1868. He was a graduate of the Artiflery School, class of 74.

Carlos French, aged 68 years, a prominent

class of '74.

Carlos French, aged 48 years, a prominent manufacturer of Seymour, Conn., died suddenly on Tuesday night of heart disease. He represented his town in the Legislature three times, represented the Second Congress district in the Fiftieth Congress, and was at one time a member of the Democratic National Committee. He was a director of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

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Archibald R. Dick, who died on Monday in his home at 266 Skillman street, Brooklyn, in his seventy-fifth year, was a payimaster in the navy during the Civil War. He worked as a steel engraver for the Government for twenty years. He was long active in Republican politics. A brother and two sisters survive him.

Mrs. Sarah J. C. de Milt, 80 years old, died on Wednesdey morning in the Home of H. Rowland Vermilye, her son-in-law, in Englewood, N. J. She was the daughter of the late Rev. William M. Stillweil, of New York city. Her husband was John Bartow de Milt. A daughter and two sons survive her.

Herman Perls, a veteran of the Civil War, died in Washington on Tuesday. He served in Company F. 103d New York Volunteer Infantry, and since the war had been connected with the Signal Service and later with the Weather Bureau.

Francis B. Lord, one of the oldest business,

Brooklyn Bank Merger Ratified. The stockholders of the Mechanics Bank

with the Weather Bureau.

Francis B. Lord, one of the oldest business men of Washington, died in that city yesterday at the age of 7s years. and the Twenty-sixth Ward Bank in Brook-lyn met yesterday and unanimously rati-fied the purchase of the latter by the Mechanics Bank. On April 27 the merger will go into effect.

State and City Societies Prepare for to Federation.

A dozen State and patriotic societies of this city met last evening in the Ohio this city met last evening in the Ohio Society's rooms at the Waldorf-Astoria and discussed the plans for a federation of such societies here. The plan is to form a general body for the discussion of quastions in which each separate society is interested and ultimately to acquire a building in common.

Justice W. W. Goodrich presided. A tentative constitution was discussed and

tentative constitution was discussed and a committee of five was appointed to present one and also find a name for the federated with favor in the discussion is the Patriotic Federation of New York Societies.

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